

MINUTES

292nd Meeting Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board April 9, 2014

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America led by Mr. David Caldwell, contractor member.

(A) The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Felix Carlone, at 12:40 PM.

(B) Approval of the agenda and order of business was accepted on a motion by Mr. Arthur Salisbury and seconded by Mr. David Caldwell.

(C) The minutes of the 291st meeting were approved; on a motion by Mr. David Caldwell and seconded by Mr. Arthur Salisbury.

(D) Court Case Update: The disposition of the cases were tabled until next month; however Attorney Ariele Yaffee informed the Board of the recent Administrative Appeal in Superior Court which was in favor of the Board regarding the assessment of fines and action on registrations.

(E) Review of Pending Issues with the Building Officials Association:

1. The Building Officials were represented by Brad Ward who talked about having presented the idea of the possibility of putting a deed restriction on the property of homeowners at the Building Officials Meeting last month but that this matter is still being worked on and was continued for further discussion.

(F) Consideration of Cases on Appeal and Oral Argument:

APPEALS and MOTIONS:

1. 12:40 PM: Request by Richard Puopolo, Weather Tite Home Improvement, Registration #20988, to Re-instate Revoked Registration. Mr. Puopolo was in attendance and presented his case before the Board and explained his circumstances. After much review and discussion on the cases and proof that all matters pending with the Board had been resolved; a motion was made by J.L.Brillion and seconded by Eric Wishart to re-instate the revoked registration, provisionally for one year. The conditions are: any contracts with homeowners will require a bond in the amount of the contract but not to exceed the \$30,000.00 limit, and contracts will have to be reviewed by the Executive Director or staff. If work as a subcontractor the bonding requirement is not applicable only maintaining proper insurance. Failure to abide to these requirements will result in an immediate revocation of registration inclusive of any claims that are filed, reviewed and investigated by the Board and processed. Upon

further discussion the Board on the motion called by the chair, unanimously upheld the motion and will allow the registration to be re-issued.

EXPUNGEMENTS: None

(G) Report of the Executive Director and Staff:

(1) Statistics Report: 4/09/2014

Registrations:

Number of Registered Contractors	11212
Number of Cards Surrendered	6552
Number of Cards Expired/Lapsed	17644
Number of Cards Invalidated	1310
Number of Cards Suspended	505
Number of Cards Revoked	111

Registration Actions	03/12/2014-04/09/2014
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Number of New Registered Contractors	98
Number of Renewed Contractors	11114
Number of Cards Surrendered	53
Registrations Invalidated	32
Registrations Suspended	0
Registrations Revoked	3

Claims:

Administrative Appeals		3	
Board Appeals	1		
Address Traces			75
Awaiting Further Action		29	
		Court	
	585		
Disposed			262
Final Orders	30		
Hearings	31		
Out of State Services	21	Proposed Orders	143
Under Investigation			89
Total Claims Filed with the Board		7780	
Number of New Claims Processed		9	

03/12/2014-04/09/2014

Violations:

Action Against Registration		39	
Advertising	5		
Cancelled Insurance			1421
Notice of Hearing	3		

Non-Registered Contractor

910

TOTAL RECORDS 2399

Number of New Violations 50

03/12/2014-04/09/2014

Lapsed Registrations/Never Re-Newed:

March	2013
78	
April	2013
112	
May	2013
97	
June	2013
88	
July	2013
70	
August	2013
73	
September	2013
92	
October	2013

83

November 2013

97

December 2013

73

January 2014

81

February 2014

116

March 2014

157

Month

Tickets Issued

Fines

January 2013

4

\$1,200.00

February 2013

3

\$ 525.00

March 2013

0

\$.00

April 2013

13

\$3,800.00

May 2013

10

\$2,900.00

June 2013

7

\$2,000.00	
July 2013	5
\$1,950.00	
August 2013	5
\$2,750.00	
September 2013	9
\$6,995.00	
October 2013	9
\$3,150.00	
November 2013	9
\$4,000.00	
December 2013	2
\$1,500.00	
January 2014	0
\$.00	
February 2014	3
\$600.00	
March 2014	2
\$1,350.00	
April 2014	1
\$500.00	

Commercial Roofers:

Number of Registered Roofers

Number of New Registered Contractors	0	
Number of Renewed Roofer Contractors	137	
Number of Cards Surrendered	22	
Number of Expired/Lapsed	69 Registrations Invalidated	0
Registrations Suspended	0	
Registrations Revoked	0	

(H) Old Business:

(1.) Review of regulations, laws and standards, established by sub-committee,
report of committees and progress. The Boards attorney has been working with the executive director and staff to get the regulations formulated for the committee to review. This process is ongoing and currently working on rules and regulations for Home Inspectors, Commercial Roofers, and Well & Pump Installers. Several meetings have been held with staff and we are progressing on the rules and regulations. A complete reformation of the rules and regulations is being worked on so all the new as well as old regulations will have the same format.

(I) New Business:

(1.) Budget: No changes.

(2.) Computer Program Update on Progress (DBR), CAVU; It

appears

that we are not proceeding any further at this time. We are currently making

changes to our existing system and the numbering system will be

modified to support new licensing programs. It is still possible to tie in to

e-permit software and an RFP has been sent out to bid for this purpose.

(3) Positions: Still waiting on the position of enforcement aide or another similar position which may cause delays to the new licensing

programs. This position has been vacant since March 2013.

(4.) Legislation: The bill submitted regarding licensing of underground utilities is not supported by the Board if it includes two more members to the Board.

(5.) Education: Still a matter that is pending. A NASCLA presentation was made to

the Board on March 5, 2014 at the Special Board meeting to review the

process and try to get this pre-registration education process at least started.

(6.) Sub-Committees will need to have meetings to get the rules and regulations approved in a timely fashion.

(7.) Concerns were expressed that the filtration aspect in the well drillers and pipe installers license requirement was not part of the general law changes and may have to have legislation submitted to include this if the industry wants to do so this session.

(J) Public Comment: None

(K) Announcements: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 14, 2014 at 12:30 PM, Conference Room “A”. 2nd Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.

(L) Adjournment: A motion was made by Edgar Ladouceur and seconded by Mr. Michael Fox to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Members Present: Arthur Salisbury, Ronald Caniglia, Michael Fox, Martin Ezeama, William Nash, Eric Wishart, Felix Carlone, Paul Brunetti, Edgar Ladouceur, J.L.Brillion and David Caldwell.

Members Absent: Robert Cardoza, Tom Furey, William Geddes and Steve Carlino.

Others Present: George Whalen (Executive Director), attorney, staff, parties for motions.

Respectfully Submitted,

**George W. Whalen
Executive Director
Rhode Island Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board**